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CALPEEK'S Primary Election Guide Next Week
There won't be a regular issue of **Calpeek** next week because we will be printing and distributing our ***Primary Election Guide***. The Guide will contain info on presidential, U.S. Senate and initiative campaigns, plus an election calendar and some other handy info. YES, you have our OK to copy the Guide and send it to your associates and clients...

CAMPAIGN 2000: VERMONT COURT RULING PUTS THE POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT ON GAY MARRIAGES.

Editor's note: For those who are still not used to the new ballot numbers, Prop. 22 is the Limit on Marriage initiative placed on the Mar. 7th ballot by State Sen. Pete Knight(R-Palmdale). It ***bans*** same sex marriages in Calif., something already covered in Calif.'s family code. In addition to the Vermont Supreme Court ruling, there also are two new polls – and both show Prop. 22 still leading. Here's our update & analysis...

...The Dec. 20th ruling by Vermont's high court didn't really settle the question of whether same sex marriage is the solution to discrimination against gays in that New England state. In the *Baker vs. State* case, the court left it up to Gov. Howard Dean(D) and the Demo controlled Legislature to either grant gay couples the right to marry or to grant broad domestic partnership right...

...In terms of the Knight Initiative, it's clear the VT court ruling has increased the profile of this controversial initiative. And should the VT Legislature decide to legalize same sex marriage prior to Calif.'s Mar. 7th primary, you can bet your first born that Prop. 22 becomes the *wedge issue* of the cycle, because Prop. 22 would be the vehicle to keep Calif. from recognizing same sex marriages conducted in VT. FYI: Gov. Gray Davis is opposed to same sex marriages, but news reports suggest he is leaning against Prop. 22...

...Now to polling. The Public Policy Inst. and the Field Poll both show Prop. 22 leading. Here's the side by side match up. Field was taken Dec. 3-14 among 475 likely voters. PPI's poll was released Dec. 14th. It's important to note that both surveys were taken before the VT Court ruling...

	PPI	Field(Dec)	Field(June)
YES	58%	51%	57%
NO	38%	40%	35%

...The PPI surveys is broken down by region and here's what's of interest. YES on 22 leads in the Central Valley by a 64% to 32% margin; leads in So. Calif. by an overall 60% to 37% margin; and even holds a slight lead in the Bay Area – 48% to 46%. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: IS A GOP REMAP INITIATIVE DEAD OR WILL THE GHOST OF PROP. 24 RESURFACE???

Editor's note: On Dec. 13th the CA Supreme Court in a 5-2 decision tossed Prop. 24 off the Mar. 7th ballot, saying it violated Calif.'s single subject rule for initiatives. The proposed initiative not only took reapportionment away from the Legislature, but also proposed to cut legislative salaries. Here's our brief analysis...

...The single subject rule was so blatantly violated in the *Let The People Decide Initiative* that even GOP sources who attended the oral arguments in *Senate vs. Jones* strongly suspected the CA Supreme Court would throw it off. Still, the traditional move by the court would have been to let the initiative remain and if it was approved by voters, then rule on whether it violated the single subject rule. FYI: And our sources are fairly confident that this same ruling would have occurred had Ron Unz & Tony Miller included remap reform in their Prop. 25 (Campaign Reform Initiative) measure. As insiders recall, Unz was trying to persuade everyone that remapping reform would fit better under his Prop. 25 than under the Costa/Thomas-written Prop. 24...

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...As **Calpeek** sources have noted, the man in the middle of this brouhaha was CA Chief Justice Ron George. He has worked overtime to rebuild the court's relationship with Gov. Gray Davis(D) and the Demo controlled Legislature. So the 5-2 decision wasn't all that surprising, given George's agenda for the courts and his nasty brush with GOP conservatives when he was up for reconfirmation in 1998...

...So now Prop. 24 co-author Ted Costa of *People's Advocate* has vented his anger at the court (as has GOP U.S. Rep. Bill Thomas(R) – the other 24 co-author), and has divided 24 into two new and separate versions of the *Let The People Decide Initiative* – one covers legislative cuts, the other remapping. They are at the AG's office awaiting title & summary. In the meantime, William Westmiller of *Fair Vote 2K* in Thousand Oaks, is on the street with his plan to take remapping away from the Legislature and give it to the CA Secretary of State...

...The big question for both Costa and Westmiller is $$$. Will the RNC or the NRCC (both groups are *paranoid* when it comes to the Demos redrawing Congressional lines in 2001) fork over the bucks to pay for the expensive signature collection? The Demos had amassed a warchest of $9+ million to fight Prop. 24. Given the history of remapping initiatives on the CA ballot (they have all lost) one has to wonder whether it would just be easier for State Sen. Jim Brulte(R) to work out a deal with Gov. Davis, Senate PPT John Burton(D) and Speaker-to-be Bob Hertzberg. Congressman Thomas might not like it, but that's just too bad. Stay tuned...

WILLIE BROWN WINS 2ND TERM AS MAYOR OF S.F.
Editor's note: It was a landslide. 60% for incumbent S.F. Mayor Willie Brown over challenger Tom Ammiano, president of the S.F. Co. Bd. of Supes. Brown is the first mayor to be reelected in 16 years. Here is our very brief analysis...

...This Dec. 14th runoff election was the establishment vs. the outsiders. Truth be told, Ammiano didn't have a political game plan past his surprise 2nd place write-in Nov. 2nd showing, forcing Brown into a runoff. Immediately after the primary, news media polls showed the runoff to be close, but Brown's own private polls showed him doing much better: 15-20 points ahead of Ammiano most of the time. And with Brown's huge warchest (including millions in *independent expenditure* funds) vs. only $300,000 for Ammiano, it was easy for Brown's campaign to define Ammiano as an ***extremist*** and to play on those fears, especially in the ethnic and conservative areas of S.F. The general view of voters, as expressed by a **Calpeek** source, was that "You should deal with the devil you know."...

...***Political winners***. The winning consultants were Jack Davis, lead consultant; Terris & Jaye, doing the mail; Barry Wyatt on field ops; Corey, Canapary & Galanis on polling; Paul Kinney, tv (primary only); and Fred Hamdun doing daily management. The other big winners were IE consultants Robert Barnes and John Whitehurst, who did tv, cable & mail. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: **DIFI HOLDS LEAD IN FIELD POLL. GOP RIVALS BASH CAMPBELL ON TAXES & DRUGS.**
Editor's note: Incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) is seeking a full second term this year. While she has no serious primary opponent, the GOP has a full blown primary and the darts are already being thrown. Here's our update & analysis, with the new Field Poll numbers, taken Dec. 3-14 among 475 likely voters...

...The polling first. Among likely voters, in the open primary, DiFi is the leader with **51%**, followed by U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R) at **16%**. The rest of the GOP field is in low, single-digit numbers: San Diego Co. Sup. Bill Horn at **4%**, State Sen. Ray Haynes and O.C. business exec J.P. Gough both at **2%**. Others and undecided are at **26%**...

...The "other" GOP candidates aren't that far behind Campbell in match-ups with DiFi. Here's a brief look:

Feinstein 50	vs.	Campbell 31
Feinstein 53	vs.	Horn 28
Feinstein 54	vs.	Haynes 28
Feinstein 53	vs.	Gough 26

...DiFi's name ID is ***90%***, with a 52% favorable vs. 38% unfavorable image rating...

...Now to the GOP primary. For the past several weeks its been Horn & Haynes blasting away at Campbell and his recently stated positions favoring the legalization of illegal drugs and taxing internet sales. As one GOP source (who likes Campbell) told **Calpeek**: "He

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is an extremely bright guy, but has no street smarts." And to quote Horn campaign mgr. Scott Taylor about Campbell on legalizing drugs, "This bazarre position puts Campbell outside the mainstream of the overwhelming majority of Californians. Sen. Feinstein will beat Campbell over the head again and again." As for taxing internet sales, Haynes says, "The power to tax is the power to destroy and Campbell's tax would destroy the internet as we know it."...

...FYI: DiFi media consultant Bill Carrick recently told **Calpeek**, "Campbell must think he's already in the faculty lounge at Stanford University." Stay tuned...

GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS SET FOR JAN. 5. NEW 2000-2001 BUDGET DUE JAN. 10...

Editor's note: The State of the State address by Gov. Gray Davis(D) will outline his public policy and political priorities for the next year. The speech will be delivered Jan. 5th, followed on Jan. 10th by the release of the new budget. Here's our report & analysis...

...Davis governs from the ***center***. He's very deliberate and generally cautious. But with Calif.'s economy still booming and an estimated $3 billion budget surplus as of now, Davis has some of room to maneuver. In last year's budget, the first estimate was $77 billion, but by the time the budget was signed, it had jumped to $81.3 billion. Our sources say they're looking at a beginning figure in the mid $80 billion range, but a lot depends on the Feds, as Calif. gets at least 25% of its budget revenue from the U.S. Government...

...In his first State of the State address Davis stressed education and thus far **Calpeek** sources indicate education will again be at the top of his list. In addition, our sources say Davis will have 3 other public policy priorities: public safety (parole/juvenile justice); infrastructure (transportation); and health care (mental health)...

...And although education remains Davis' top public policy priority, insiders will be listening to see if Davis responds in his address to CTA's proposed November initiative to raise per-pupil spending in CA up to the national average. Such a move plan might require more than **$6 billion** in new taxes. Sources say Davis won't go along with CTA on this because trying to bring CA up to the national average is a *bottomless pit*...

...Another potential trouble spot is the tobacco settlement funds. A coalition led by the CA Medical Assn. wants all the $25 billion in settlement funds spent on health related items and is pushing for a November ballot measure. Since CA already spends hundreds of millions each year on tobacco related illnesses and anti-tobacco programs, it's unlikely Davis will play ball. As **Calpeek** reported previously, Davis met with the MD coalition and it wasn't a pleasant meeting. Our source said, "When they tell the governor to get screwed, they are asking for trouble." Sounds like another potential fight for Gov. Davis...

CAMPAIGN 2000: **UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.**

Editor's note: Here's another update on key Calif. U.S. House contests. The deadline for filing for U.S. House elections is Dec. 10th...

42nd CD – GOP heavyweights did some arm twisting, but attorney Elia Pirozzi will be in the Republican primary facing former GOP Congressman Jay Kim of Diamond Bar, who was booted out of his 41st CD by Gary Miller(R) back in 1998 after he was convicted of misdemeanor campaign reporting violations and was put under "house arrest." The GOP primary winner faces new Demo U.S. Rep. Joe Baca...

☒ ***36th CD*** – GOP powers couldn't get hardliner Bob Pegram to back away from his primary challenge to U.S. Rep. Steve Kuykendall(R-Palos Verdes), but sources think Kuykendall ends up an easy winner in March. But the big news is House Demo Leader Dick Gephardt was ***successful*** in getting Jane Harman to run for her old seat. Last we heard, James Cavuoto, a Demo computer/hi-tech businessman, was still on the ballot, but the Demo primary is OVER: Jane wins...

☒ ***48th CD*** – This is the OPEN seat of retiring U.S. Rep. Ron Packard(R-San Clemente). 7 GOP rivals in this primary battle, but the two to watch are San Diego businessman Darrell Issa, who ran for the U.S. Senate in '98 and has *deep pockets*, and State Sen. Bill Morrow. They are the top tier candidates. In the 2nd tier are Don Udall, a GOP relative of the late Mo Udall(D); and Mark Dornan, son of B-1 Bob. Issa just finished a 1st flight of tv spots and is already in the mail with an Absentee ballot application...

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☒ *49th CD* – Demo Assemblywoman Susan Davis of San Diego gets a break, as Wade Sanders(D) did not file papers. Davis will face U.S. Rep. Brian Bilbray(R) in November…

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS	
Jan. 5	Gov. Davis' State of the State Address.
Jan. 10	Governor's 2000-2001 budget due.
Jan. 10	Campaign reports due (10/1 to 12/31/99).
Jan. 11	32nd SD special election – San Bernardino Co.
Jan. 19	Univision hosts a conference on Hispanic voting, 1-5:30 p.m., Golden State Museum in Sacramento. Info at (916)614 – 1917.
Jan. 24	Iowa Caucus
Jan. 27	Campaign reports due (1/1 to 1/22)

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.
Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting…

■ ***Support for Prop. 26 Drops*** – In the newest Field Poll (Dec. 3-14), support for this initiative to pass local school bonds with a simple majority vote has dropped to **43%** from **59%** in an October Field Poll. **32%** oppose Prop. 26 and undecided up is now **25%.** Why the drop? The official ballot summary was changed and now contains info noting that if Prop. 26 is approved property taxes will increase sharply – hundreds of millions of dollars statewide. FYI: when the State passes a bond measure, repayment becomes 1st claim on the general fund, but it doesn't trigger a tax hike. A local bond is just the opposite: it automatically triggers a property tax hike to pay off the bond…

■ ***The Rosenkrantz Case*** – The almost forgotten murder of Steven Redmon by Robert M. Rosenkrantz in 1985 has the potential of becoming a *cause celebre* in the primary and November elections. Rosenkrantz was convicted of ambushing Redmon with an Uzi after Redmon and Rosenkrantz's younger brother *outed* him as gay to family and friends. Ira Reiner was the L.A. DA back then and he prosecuted Rosenkrantz for 1st degree 187, but the jury only convicted him of 2nd degree 187 and he's done 15 years of a 17-to-life sentence. And now the family is pushing to get Rosenkrantz a parole date and L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti is on record favoring this move. Garcetti rival Steve Cooley says he'll make the Rosenkrantz case an issue in the upcoming DA's campaign. And State Sen. Richard Polanco(D) is pushing his SB 128, which relates directly to the Rosenkrantz case. This bill has already passed the State Senate on an 21-18 vote and now awaits Assembly floor action. More in two weeks…

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook…

● A sad note: former CA Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird died Dec. 4th after a long battle with cancer. She was 63. R.I.P…

● Rose Kapolczynski is the new Deputy Cmp. Mgr. for Demo presidential candidate Bill Bradley. She was U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer's State director…

● Savvy GOP campaign strategist Ken Khachigian has joined the John McCain presidential campaign team as a senior consultant…

● Prominent GOP fundraiser/Orange Co. business leader George Argyros has been named chair of the CRP's *Victory 2000* coordinated campaign…

● Anthony D. Crump has been named Govt. Affairs Mgr. at Adler Public Affairs. He was with the FPL Advisory Group in Chicago before joining Adler…

● Christopher Wayne has been named VP in the DC office of Winner & Associates…

● Matthew Gallagher and Renee Schillaci have been promoted to AEs at Cerrell Associates…

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